

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [00024], found on pages 3-4 of the Specification with the following replacement paragraph:

[0024] Another alternate scenario occurs when a signature was not found (*i.e.*, the result of step 320 is negative). In that case, the LBA is locked in step 330. Next, in step 332, the WRITE LONG command is executed with invalid ECC data (including signature, counter, and date information). Once the WRITE LONG command has been completed, the LBA is unlocked in step 334 and the method ends generally at step 340.